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1. The following air activity was observed at Brandenburg-Arado airfield between 13 June and 12 July 1953:

13 June. At 6 a.m., two Po-2s circled three times over the field. A total of 38 Il-10s were counted at the field in the afternoon.

16 June. Two Po-2s made individual flights between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

21 June. There was no air activity between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. while the weather was sunny.

22 June. At 10:45 a.m., individual local flights were made by Il-10s. There was clear weather. At 7:30 p.m., 7 Il-10s took off in rapid succession, flew in line abreast formation circling several times and making low level attacks before landing. Individual flights were made by Il-10s up to 11 p.m. During this time, the wooden huts on top of the Artillerie Kaserne and Flak Kaserne were lighted.

23 June. At 10 a.m., there was no air activity at the field. A total of 36 Il-10s were counted at the installation.

29 June. At 9:45 a.m., five Il-10s took off heading north. The planes were not observed returning to the field until 3 p.m.

1 July. Between 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., individual flights were made by 2 Po-2s. At 2 p.m., 32 Il-10s were observed at the field.

2 July. Between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., there was intensive air activity by ground attack planes which repeatedly flew in squadron formation of 9 or 10 planes, heading north.

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6 July. Ground attack planes made individual flights and low-level attacks.

7 July. Individual flights were made at night although it rained.

8 July. Thirty-seven Il-10s were counted at the field.

10 July. During the morning, there was air activity by individual planes and repeatedly by aircraft in squadron formation. The squadrons headed north and returned after 60 to 70 minutes.

12 July. A total of 36 Il-10s were counted at the field.

- 25X1X ☐ 2. Between 30 June and 10 July, about 40 Il-10s with white numbers, red propeller hubs, and red upper edges on their rudder assemblies were stationed at the field. ☐

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25X1 ☐ Air activity, mostly during daytime and sometimes also in light rain, included individual flights and formation flights.

25X1A ☐ Comment. Brandenburg-Arado airfield is still believed to be occupied by a ground attack regiment. The Il-10s assigned to this regiment are marked by a red upper edge on their rudder assemblies.

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